



County of Los Angeles CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street, Room 713, Los Angeles, California 90012
(213) 974-1101
<http://ceo.lacounty.gov>

WILLIAM T FUJIOKA
Chief Executive Officer

August 17, 2009

To: Supervisor Don Knabe, Chairman
Supervisor Gloria Molina
Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas
Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky
Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

From: William T Fujioka
Chief Executive Officer

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. T. Fujioka", is written over the typed name and title.

Board of Supervisors
GLORIA MOLINA
First District

MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS
Second District

ZEV YAROSLAVSKY
Third District

DON KNABE
Fourth District

MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH
Fifth District

STATUS REPORT – NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM'S PLANS TO TRANSFER COUNTY HISTORIC AUTOMOBILE COLLECTION AND ASSESSMENT OF VEHICLES PRIOR TO ANY DISPOSITION

On November 6, 2007, your Board approved the termination of the County Historic Automobile Collection Agreement with the Petersen Automotive Museum Foundation and ordered the Chief Executive Officer to report back to the Board on the Natural History Museum's (NHM) plans to assess the County-owned historic automotive vehicle collection (County Collection) before any cars are sold, or are proposed to be sold. Since that date, NHM has proceeded with moving the County Collection vehicles to the new County-leased space. New loan agreements were signed for the vehicles that remain at the Petersen Automotive Museum (Petersen).

The status at this time is as follows:

- A draft of the collection management study by the NHM staff in consultation with seven outside experts is being reviewed and edited internally;
- The relocation of the two previously-quarantined vehicles from the Petersen to the County-leased space was delayed due to scheduling problems with Petersen staff, but should occur shortly; and
- The NHM will be holding its first special event to show the collection at the County-leased space in September 2009 for its Fellows, the highest membership category.

"To Enrich Lives Through Effective And Caring Service"

**Please Conserve Paper – This Document and Copies are Two-Sided
Intra-County Correspondence Sent Electronically Only**

Each Supervisor
August 17, 2009
Page 2

When complete, the collection assessment and management plan will be presented to your Board. The next status report will be provided by November 14, 2009 or earlier if the Collections Management Report is completed before this date.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding the status report, please contact Robert Moran at (213) 974-1130, or via email at rmoran@ceo.lacounty.gov.

WTF:LS
DSP:RTM:ib

c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Acting County Counsel
Director and President of the Natural History Museum